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Federal Communications Commission  
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In the Matter of

Section 63.71 Application of

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

File No.

For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of the  
Communications Act of 1934, as Amended, To  
Discontinue the Provision of Service

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF  
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), by counsel, applies for authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act, as amended (the "Act"), 47 U.S.C. § 214, and Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue its tariffed Exchange Access Connectionless Data Service (XACDS) (a.k.a. BellSouth Exchange Access Connectionless Data Service) ("XACDS") due to an ongoing lack of market demand. There are no existing customers for this service. Additionally, there is no longer any vendor or technical support for the service within the industry.

Pursuant to Sections 63.71(a) and (b) of the Commission's rules, this application contains the following information:

**Name & Address of Carrier (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(1), (b)(2)):**

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.  
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BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.  
Section 63.71 Application  
November 1, 2005  
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**Date of Planned Service Discontinuance (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(2), (b)(2)):** As soon as the FCC authorizes discontinuance of this service (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c)), BellSouth will revise its tariff to remove the service.

**Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(3), (b)(2)):** XACDS is available under BellSouth's FCC Tariff No. 1. It was previously available under state tariffs in the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee, but, due to lack of customer demand, has been discontinued in those states and subsequently deleted from the tariffs.

**Brief Description of Type of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(3), (b)(2)):** This service was originally tariffed to provide a connectionless, packet-switched data service allowing for the interconnection of local area networks ("LANS") or other compatible customer equipment. The XACDS switch utilizes address information contained in the header of each of the customer's data packets to do routing. A unique address is assigned to each XACDS subscriber interface on the switch; this unique address allows the XACDS switch to route the customer's data packets. Each packet is switched independently without the prior establishment of a fixed path within the XACDS network. The service is more fully described in BellSouth's Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 § 21.2.

Currently there are no customers for the service. Former customers have either converted to substitute BellSouth-provided services such as Frame Relay Service or ATM Service, or to comparable services provided by BellSouth's competitors. No customer in BellSouth's service territories will be impeded in its ability to receive services such as basic dial tone or data services from BellSouth as a result of this Application, which only affects services that are ancillary to traditional voice and data services.

**Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to all Affected Customers, (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(3)):** BellSouth has no customers for this service; therefore, no notice to customers is required.

**Whether the Carrier is Considered Dominant or Non-dominant with Respect to the Service to be Discontinued (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(4)):** BellSouth is considered a dominant carrier with respect to the service to be discontinued.

**Notification via Copies of this Application to Relevant Authorities (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)).** BellSouth has notified and submitted a copy of its application to the public utility commissions and to the Governors of the States in which the discontinuance, reduction, or impairment of service is proposed, and also to the Secretary of Defense, as indicated on the Certificate of Service attached to this Application.

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Questions about this application may be addressed to Steven D. Long, Assistant Manager - Federal Regulatory, BellSouth, 1133 21st Street, N.W., Suite 900, Washington, D.C. 20036-3390, (202) 463-4107, email [Steve.Long@BellSouth.com](mailto:Steve.Long@BellSouth.com).

### **CONCLUSION**

The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of this service. The service is being discontinued due to lack of market demand. The information provided pursuant to the Commission's rules demonstrates that BellSouth's application to discontinue its XACDS services as described above should be authorized.

Respectfully submitted,

**BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

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Date: November 1, 2005

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I do hereby certify that I have on this 1st day of November, 2005 served the following with a copy of the foregoing **SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.** by hand delivery, electronic mail and/or by placing a true and correct copy of the same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties listed on the attached service list.

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